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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 10, 2005, in which the Applicants were requested to select a single species for prosecution on the merits, the Applicants respectfully elect the following, without traverse, for prosecution in this application:

Species I – Figure 1A for a system for manipulating an array of small particles.